

**Marc Taylor**  
Chief of Police

February 1, 2019

Mr. Sinyangwe,

I am writing to respond to your public records request seeking information on use of force incidents and complaints related to use of force incidents involving employees of the West Covina Police Department. Staff has undertaken a review of records and below are the answers to your request.

**1. Total number of use of force incidents:**

2013: No data  
2014: No data  
2015: No data  
2016: 98  
2017: 98  
2018: 80

Note: Use of force incidents are only retained 2 years from the incident date per California statute. Our department does not have an existing record/document that separates the different types of use of force.

**2. Total number of people force was used against:**

2013: No data  
2014: No data  
2015: No data  
2016: 98  
2017: 98  
2018: 80

Note: Use of force incidents are only retained 2 years from the incident date per California statute.

**3. Total number of use of force complaints:**

2013: 0  
2014: 0  
2015: 1  
2016: 0  
2017: 3  
2018: 6

Note: Citizen complaints are only retained 5 years from the closure of the investigation per California statute.

**4. Total number sustained of use of force complaints:**

2013: 0  
2014: 0  
2015: 0  
2016: 0  
2017: 0 (1 pending)  
2018: 0 (5 pending)

Note: Citizen complaints are only retained 5 years from the closure of the investigation per California statute.

Thank you for your request,  
Brandon Karmann - Administrative Sergeant  
West Covina Police Department - Investigative and Support Services Division  
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West Covina Police Department  
PRA Office  
1444 West Garvey Avenue South  
West Covina, CA 91790

January 30, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

1. The total number of police use of force incidents, broken down by type of force used, between 2013-2017 (separated by year).
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The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 calendar days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sinyangwe

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February 19, 2019

This is a follow up to a previous request:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following California Public Records Act request, copied below, and originally submitted on Jan. 23, 2019. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response.

Thanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed.

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